

Puppet Play

Description:

Children will combine several art disciplines by making puppets and putting on a puppet show.

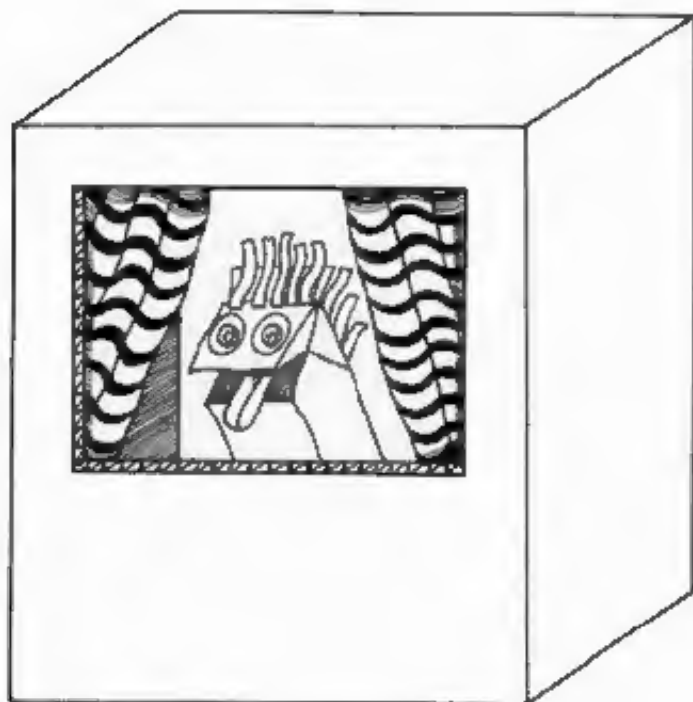
Materials:

paper lunch bags, construction paper, safety scissors, yarn, buttons, markers, glue

Standards: 3 and 6

Concepts: Form and shape

Level: Pre K-3



Procedure:

Your child will make a puppet and put on a play assisted by family members. Ask her to think of a theme for the puppet show, and collaborate on a rough script. You can find a puppet play in a book, or make up the script as you go, allowing your child's creativity to shine through. To create a puppet, have your child decorate a paper lunch bag with markers or construction paper, and add yarn for hair and buttons for eyes. Get family members involved, and have each one make a puppet. When the puppets are finished, it's time for rehearsals. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to the performance.

Extension:

Children can turn a paper-bag puppet into a marionette by using yarn to connect arms and legs made from toilet tissue rolls to the paper bag. Help your child attach strings to the top of the puppet's head, hands, and feet, then attach the strings to craft sticks glued in the shape of a cross. Have your child practice pulling the strings to move the marionette's arms and legs. Finally, make a puppet theater by cutting the middle section out of a cardboard box and painting the box with bright colors.

Just for Kids:

Have you ever been to a puppet show or seen puppets on TV? Today you are going to make some puppets and put on a puppet show of your own. Before you begin, you will need to do some planning. What will the story be? Will it be funny, sad, or happy? What kind of puppet character will you make? You can use construction paper or markers to color your puppets, adding yarn for hair and button for eyes. Ask friends, brothers, and sisters to help you put on the puppet show. Practice first, then invite your family and neighbors to the performance.

Resources:

52 *Quality Puppet Scripts*, published by One Way Street, Inc.

52 *Seasonal Puppet Scripts*, published by One Way Street, Inc.